## Progress in the Development of High Energy Dense Oxidizers based on CHNO(F)-compounds

Quirin J. Axthammer\*, <u>Marcos A. Kettner\*</u>, Thomas M. Klapötke\*,\*\* Richard Moll\* and Sebastian F. Rest\*

\* Department of Chemistry, Energetic Materials Research, Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich, Butenandtstr. 5-13, D-81377 Munich, Germany

\*\* Center for Energetic Concepts Development, CECD, University of Maryland, UMD, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College Park, MD 20742, USA

tmk@cup.uni-muenchen.de

## Abstract:

Here we report about the synthesis of several new compounds with positive oxygen balances  $\Omega$  as potential high energy dense oxidizers. We focused on nitramines and nitrocarbamates in combination with the trinitromethyl and fluorodinitromethyl moiety. The prepared materials were characterized thoroughly using vibrational spectroscopy (IR and Raman), multinuclear NMR spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, elemental analysis as well as DSC measurements and single crystal X-ray diffraction. In addition, the performances regarding the specific impulse  $I_{sp}$  were estimated by calculation using the EXPLO5 computer code, with heats of formation calculated at the CBS-4M level of theory and densities obtained from X-ray measurements. The sensitivities towards impact and friction were determined according BAM standard methods, as well as a small scale electrical discharge device (OZM).

Keywords: high energy dense oxidizer; polynitro compounds; sensitivities; specific impulse; single crystal X-ray diffraction

Financial support of this work by the Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich (LMU), the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) under grant no. W911NF-09-2-0018, the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) under grant no. W911NF-12-1-0467, and the Office of Naval Research (ONR) under grant nos. ONR.N00014-10-1-0535 and ONR.N00014-12-1-0538 is gratefully acknowledged. The authors acknowledge collaborations with Dr. Mila Krupka (OZM Research, Czech Republic) in the development of new testing and evaluation methods for energetic materials and with Dr. Muhamed Sucesca (Brodarski Institute, Croatia) in the development of new computational codes to predict the detonation and propulsion parameters of novel explosives. We are indebted to and thank Drs. Betsy M. Rice and Brad Forch (ARL, Aberdeen, Proving Ground, MD) for many inspired discussions.